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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

India accuses Pakistan of raiding two villages yesterday, killing 30 persons. *(Page 1)*

President Pak wins South Korean election. *(Page 2)*

Yugoslav party to take up question of Croatian nationalism in meeting on Brioni today. *(Page 3)*

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INDIA-PAKISTAN

The Indian press says that Pakistani troops raided two Indian villages yesterday and killed five persons in one. In the other, an enclave surrounded by Pakistani territory, 25 Indians died. Pakistan has not yet released its version of these incidents.

Usually the two countries' reports of such clashes largely agree on their seriousness, although each tries to place all blame on the other. The two latest incidents could have resulted from overzealous Pakistani pursuit of refugees crossing into India, or from Indian infiltration. The Pakistanis claim to have wiped out a band of infiltrators--and captured two of them--in another part of East Pakistan.

An influx of East Pakistani refugees--over 600,000, half of them Hindus, according to official Indian estimates--is also contributing to strained relations. New Delhi is primarily concerned that resources will be overtaxed in coping with problems of disease, food, and housing, and it hopes for international help. There is also concern that the refugees will be exploited by leftist extremists; or that violence may break out between Hindu refugees and local and refugee Moslems.

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SOUTH KOREA

Nearly complete returns indicate that President Pak Chong-hui easily defeated his popular opponent Kim Tae-chung in yesterday's election. Reports differ as to the exact margin of his victory.

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persistent public suspicion of government-vote tampering is likely to produce opposition charges of fraud, raising the prospect of renewed and possibly more violent student protest.

Pak's victory assures a continuation of strong central leadership with emphasis on economic development. The relatively low voter turnout, however--an estimated 80 percent, compared with about 85 percent in the last two presidential elections--suggests a growing weariness with his leadership. Some voters may have chosen to show their opposition by abstaining to avoid the instability they may have feared would follow an opposition victory. Throughout the campaign the government encouraged the belief that the military would not accept Kim as president, and Pak took to the air to decry the opposition's unfitness to govern and warn that "the ruling party for its part is not prepared to turn over power."

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YUGOSLAVIA

Tito has called a meeting of the party presidium today at his island home on Brioni. Topics on the agenda will include the opposition by the Croatian republic to pending constitutional and economic reforms, and nationalism within the republics.

As noted in The President's Daily Brief of 16 April, Tito has been on a country-wide speaking trip to promote support for his programs, warning the party that the Brioni meeting would remain in session until full unanimity is reached. He also has hinted that some high-level officials might be purged.

Croatian nationalism has always been a particular thorn in Tito's side, and opponents of his proposed decentralization of powers to the republics are using the example of Croatia in an effort to dissuade him from this course.

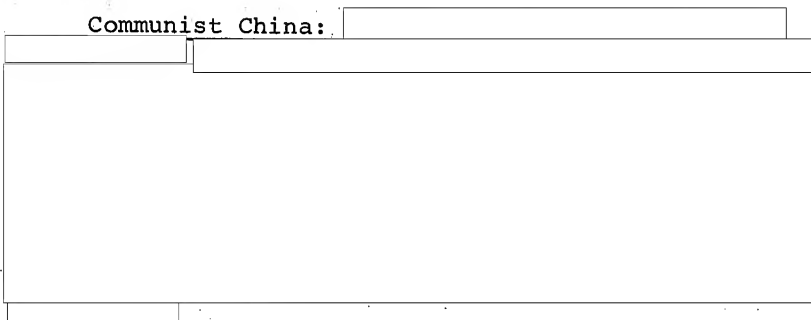
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